

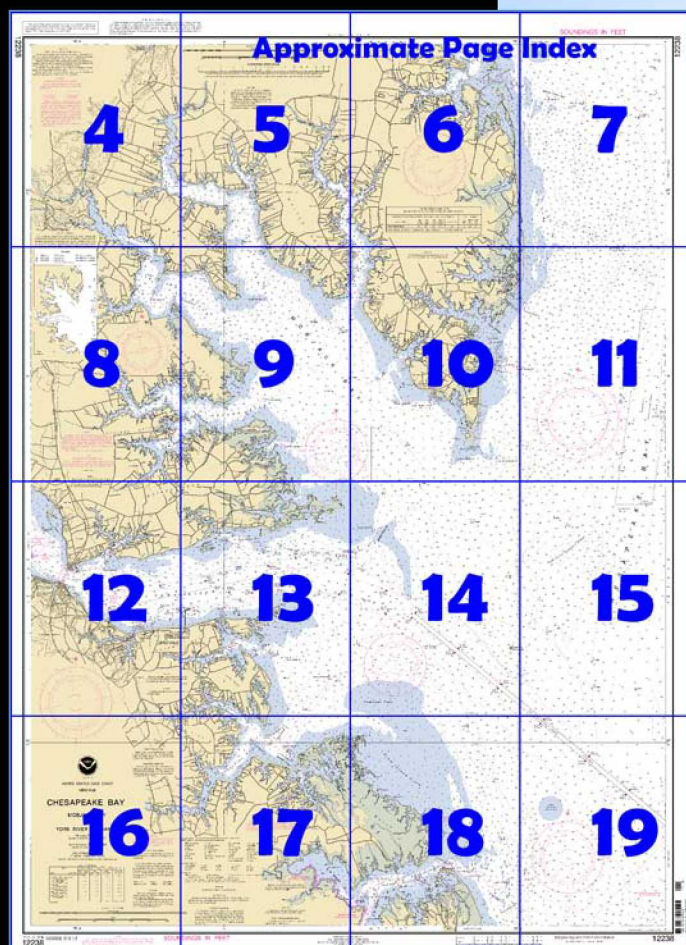
# **BookletChart<sup>TM</sup>**

## **Chesapeake Bay - Mobjack Bay and York River Entrance (NOAA Chart 12238)**



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### What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

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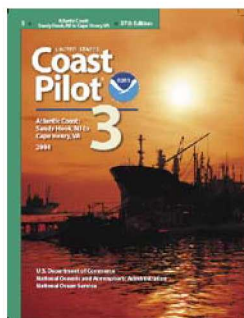
This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov>.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

### Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.



#### **[Coast Pilot 3, Chapter 11 excerpts]**

(18) **Poquoson River** has depths of 7 feet to the village of **Yorkville**. The marked approach to the river is from northeastward and is clear of fishtraps for a width of 400 yards. There is a light on either side of the entrance.

(19) **Bennett Creek** has depths of 6 feet to **Easton Cove**. The channel is marked as far as White House Cove; the channel in White House Cove is marked by daybeacons and has depths of 8 to 2 feet for 0.7 mile above the

mouth. Gasoline and diesel fuel are available at a marina near the south end of the cove. A "no wake" **speed limit** is in effect in White House Cove.

(20) **Chisman Creek** has depths of 9 feet or more in a narrow channel for 1.3 miles above its entrance. There are boatyards on the south side, 1 mile above the entrance; gasoline is available. The creek is marked by

daybeacons and a light.

(21) **Back Creek** has depths of 7 feet for 2 miles. The entrance is marked by lights and daybeacons. A State-owned wharf on the south side, 1.4 miles above the mouth, has a depth of about 9 feet at the face. Gasoline, diesel fuel, limited berthing, and supplies are available at a marina on the south side, 1.8 miles above the mouth.

(22) Passage northward from Back Creek to York River can be made through the **Thorofare**, about 0.8 mile from the mouth of Back Creek. In 1991, the dredged channel, marked by lights and daybeacons, had a midchannel controlling depth of 3 feet.

(24) York River has a broad and fairly straight channel, is well marked. In 1982, the controlling depth in the dredged sections of the river was 18 feet to West Point. Vessels can anchor in the wider parts of York River channel aside from the naval areas described later.

(25) The currents in York River follow the general direction of the channel except in the narrowest parts where there is a tendency to set a vessel onto the shoals. The velocity varies throughout the river.

(27) **Caution.** Ships and craft in York River are to proceed at reduced speed and exercise extreme caution in order to reduce water motion and to prevent damage to the Virginia Fisheries Laboratory equipment and facilities located downstream from the Coleman Memorial Bridge. In no instance should the **speed** of ships underway upriver from the Tue Marshes Light exceed 12 knots.

(30) **Supplies** are available at Yorktown, West Point.

(31) **York Spit** extends outward along the northeast side of the York River approach channel for 7 miles from Guinea Marshes; the inner half of the spit has depths of 1 to 6 feet, and the outer half 10 to 20 feet.

(32) **York Spit Light** (37°12.6'N., 76°15.3' W.), 30 feet above the water, is shown from a pile with a red and white diamond-shaped daymark, in depths of 11 feet near the outer end of the spit.

(34) About 1.5 miles northwest of York Spit Light, a buoyed lane extends northeastward through the fishtraps. The lane has depths of 15 feet or more.

(35) The swash channel through York Spit 5 miles northwest of York Spit Light has a controlling depth of 7 feet; it is marked by a light and daybeacons. A cluster of submerged piling is on the east side of the channel about 1 mile above the entrance.

(83) **New Point.** A marina, 3.5 miles above the entrance, has gasoline, diesel fuel, and some supplies.

(84) **Winter Harbor** is entered through a dredged channel marked by lights and daybeacons. The channel leads to a turning basin and public landing. In August 2000, the controlling depth was less than 1 foot to the turning basin with 1 to 3 feet in the basin, except for shoaling to bare along the north edge.

(85) **Wolf Trap** has numerous shoal spots 5 to 10 feet deep which extend as much as 3 miles from the western shore of Chesapeake Bay. **Wolf Trap Light** (37°23.4'N., 76°11.4' W.), 52 feet above the water, is shown from an octagonal red-brick dwelling with a square tower on a brown cylinder, in depths of 12 feet near the outer end of the shoal area.

# Table of Selected Chart Notes

**HEIGHTS**  
Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

Corrected through NM Jun. 13/09  
Corrected through LNM Jun. 9/09

**Mercator Projection**  
Scale 1:40,000 at Lat. 37°17'

**North American Datum of 1983**  
(World Geodetic System of 1984)

**SOUNDINGS IN FEET**  
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

**NOTE B**  
Experimental Equipment exists at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, which is sensitive to swell damage. Mariners are cautioned to adjust speed accordingly.

**NOTE C**  
The controlling depth was 5 feet for a width of 30 feet from the channel entrance to the turning basin in West Branch, and 4½ feet in the basin.  
Jul 2000

**CAUTION**  
Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

**NOTE D**  
Numerous private buoys are not charted in Wormley Creek.


**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 3 for important supplemental information.

**CAUTION**  
Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117. Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution. Station positions are shown thus:  
○ (Accurate location)    ◦ (Approximate location)

**RADAR REFLECTORS**  
Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

**NOTE G**  
Wolf Trap Dumping Ground lighted buoys "A", "B" and "C" are not charted due to frequent relocations.

**WARNING**  
The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

**CAUTION**  
Mariners are warned to stay clear of the protective riprap surrounding navigational light structures shown thus: 

**AIDS TO NAVIGATION**  
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Norfolk, VA	KHB-37	162.550 MHz
Heathsville, VA	WXM-57	162.400 MHz

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**NOTE A**  
Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 3. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 5th Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Virginia or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Norfolk, Virginia.  
Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

**NOTE E**  
**EMERGENCY RESTRICTED AREA**  
For the latest information regarding the regulations of any emergency restricted area, contact the Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District, Regulatory Branch at (757) 201-7653/7652.

**NOTE F**  
Restricted area 334.275 begins at the entrance to Tide Mills Creek at 37° 03' 50" N, 76° 22' 00" W; thence along the shoreline of Langley Air Force Base 35 yards off the ordinary mean high water (MHW) mark to a point in the Northwest Branch of Back River at 37° 06' 40" N, 76° 22' 55" W.

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**CAUTION**  
**FISH TRAP AREAS AND STRUCTURES**  
Mariners are warned that numerous uncharted duck blinds and fishing structures, some submerged, may exist in the fish trap areas. Such structures are not charted unless known to be permanent. Regulations to assure clear passage to and through dredged and natural channels, and to established landings, are prescribed by the Corps of Engineers in the Code of Federal Regulations. Definite limits of fish trap areas have been established in some areas, and those limits are shown thus: — — — — —  
Where definite limits have not been prescribed, the location of fishing structures is restricted only by the regulations.

**AUTHORITIES**  
Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

**HORIZONTAL DATUM**  
The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.513" northward and 1.191" eastward to agree with this chart.

**SOURCE DIAGRAM**  
The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

**CAUTION**  
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ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)				
Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated):				
AERO aeronautical	G green	Mo morse code	R TR radio tower	
A/ alternating	IQ interrupted quick	N nun	Rot rotating	
B black	ISO isophase	OBSC obscured	s seconds	
Bn beacon	LT HO lighthouse	Oc occulting	SEC sector	
C can	M nautical mile	Or orange	St M statute miles	
DIA diaphane	m minutes	Q quick	VQ very quick	
F fixed	MICRO TR microwave tower	R red	W white	
Fl flashing	Mkr marker	Ra Ref radar reflector	WHIS whistle	
		R Bn radiobeacon	Y yellow	
Bottom characteristics:				
Blds boulders	Co coral	gy gray	Oys oysters	so soft
bk broken	G gravel	h hard	Rk rock	Sh shells
Cy clay	GrS grass	M mud	S sand	sy sticky
Miscellaneous:				
AUTH authorized	Obstr obstruction	PD position doubtful	Subm submerged	
ED existence doubtful	PA position approximate	Rep reported		
(1) Wreck, rock, obstruction, or shoal swept clear to the depth indicated.				
(2) Rocks that cover and uncover, with heights in feet above datum of soundings.				

TIDAL INFORMATION				
PLACE		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
		feet	feet	feet
Wolf Trap Light, Chesapeake Bay, VA	(37°23'N/76°11'W)	1.8	1.7	0.1
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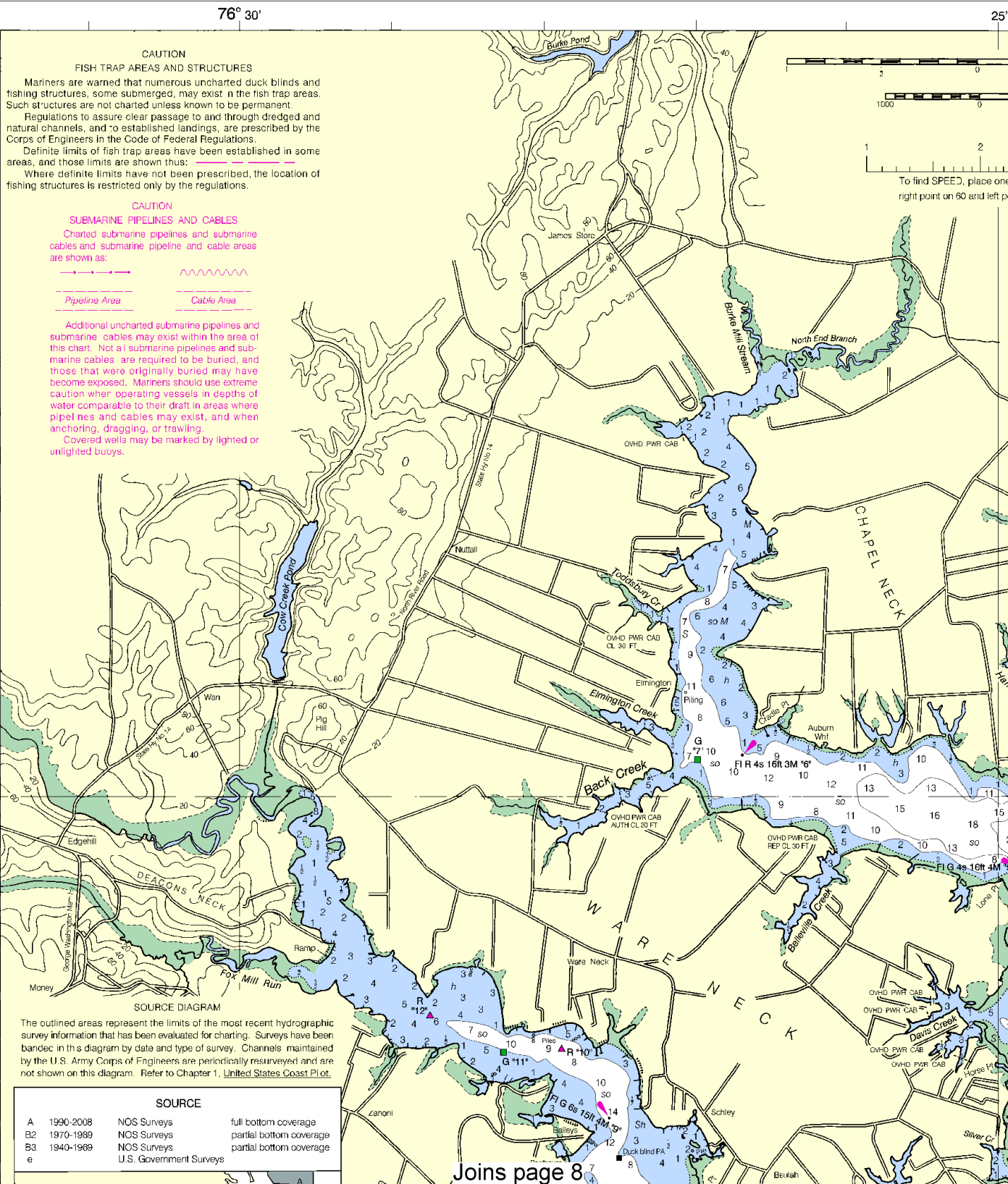


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SCALE 1:40,000  
Nautical Miles

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SCALE 1:40,000  
Nautical Miles

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Yards

### LOGARITHMIC SPEED SCALE

One point of dividers on distance run (in any unit) and the other on minutes run. Without changing divider spread, place the other point on the minutes scale. The point will then indicate speed in units per hour. Example: with 4.0 nautical miles run in 15 minutes, the speed is 16.0 knots.

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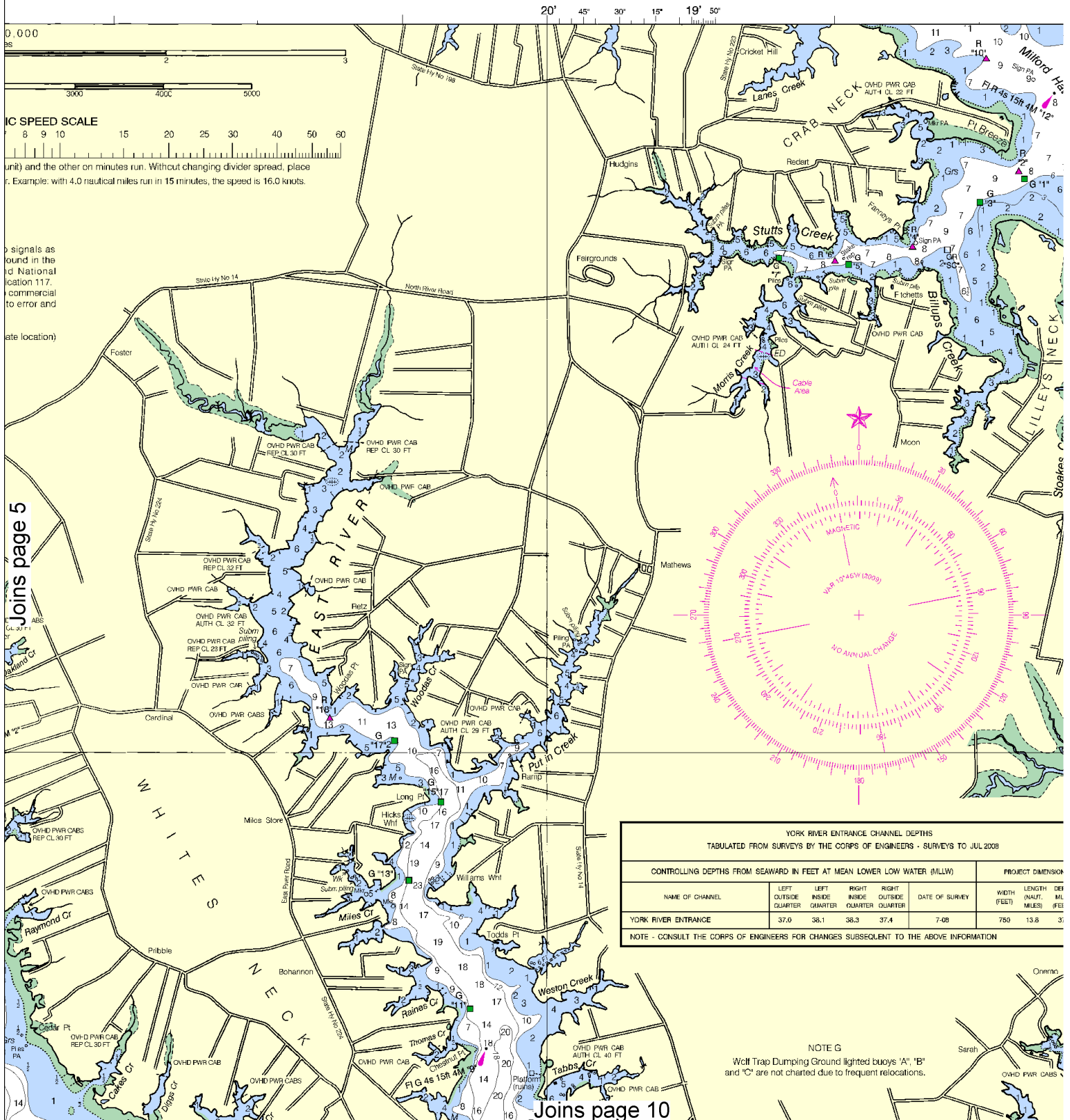
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YORK RIVER ENTRANCE CHANNEL			
TABULATED FROM SURVEYS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS			
CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER			
NAME OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	LEFT INSIDE QUARTER	RIGHT INSIDE QUARTER
YORK RIVER ENTRANCE	37.0	38.1	38.3
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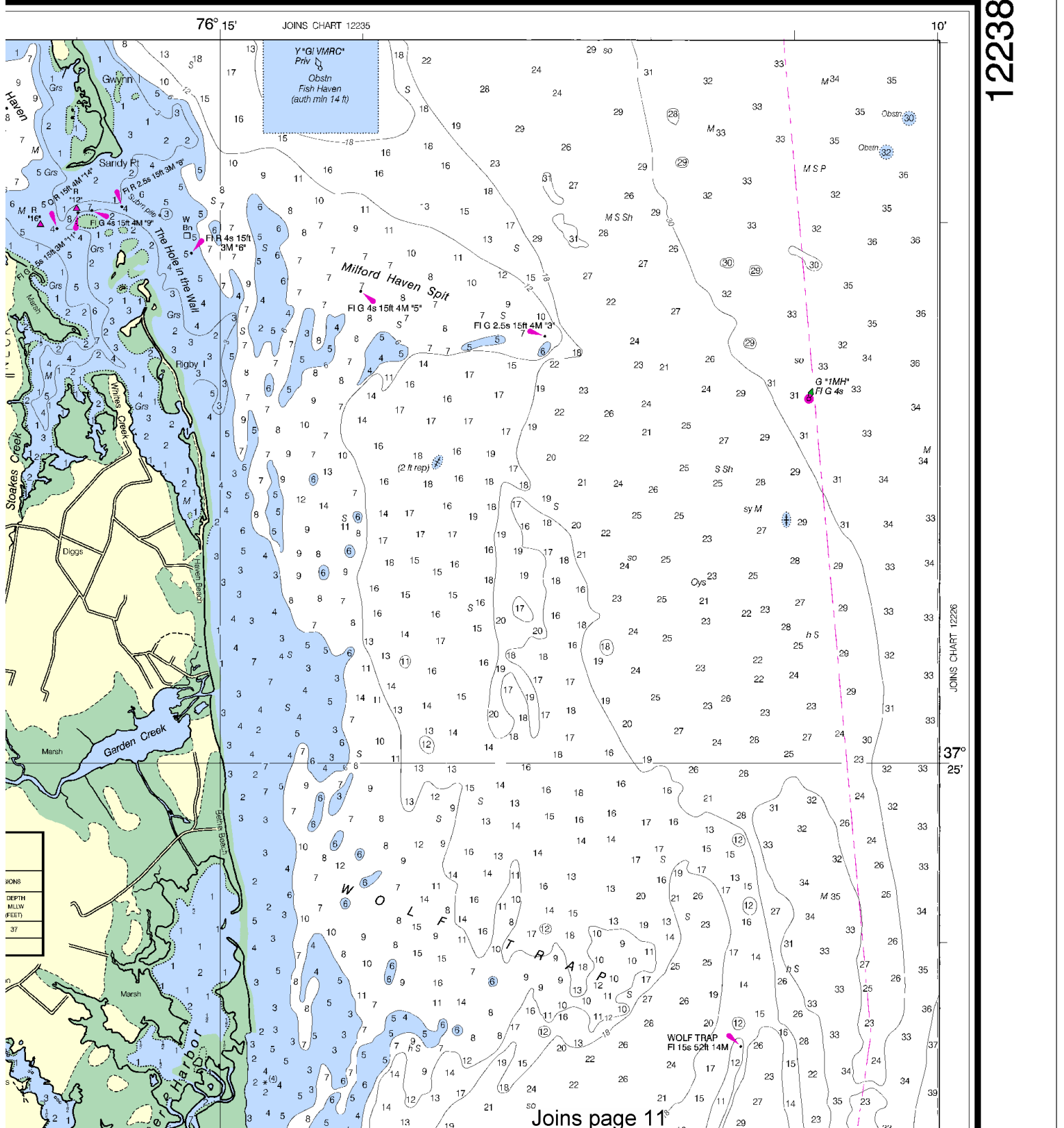
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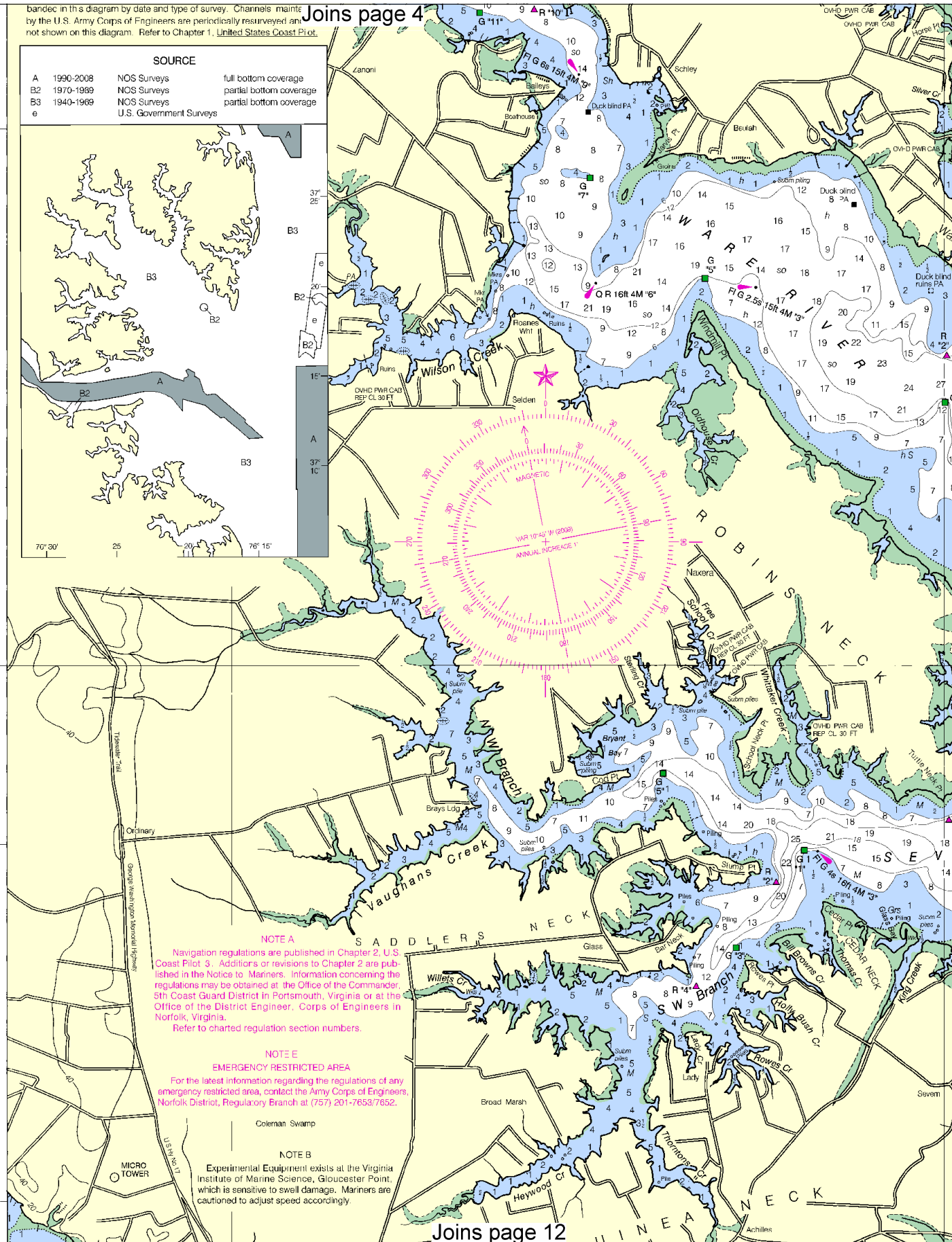
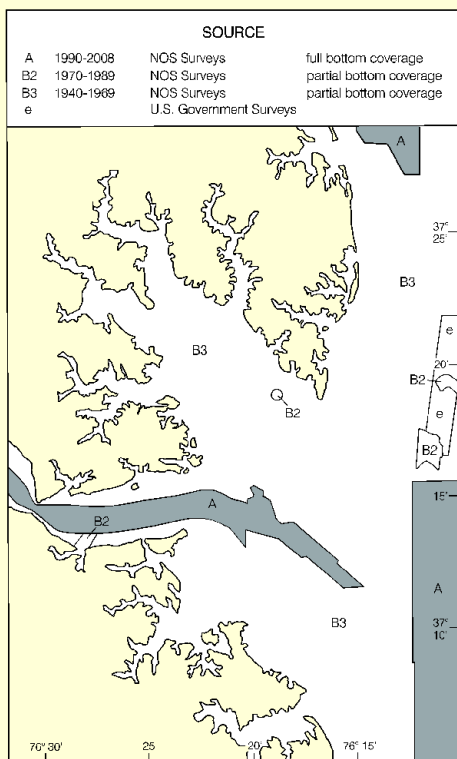
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 NGA Weekly Notice to Mariners: 1010 3/6/2010,  
 Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners: n/a .

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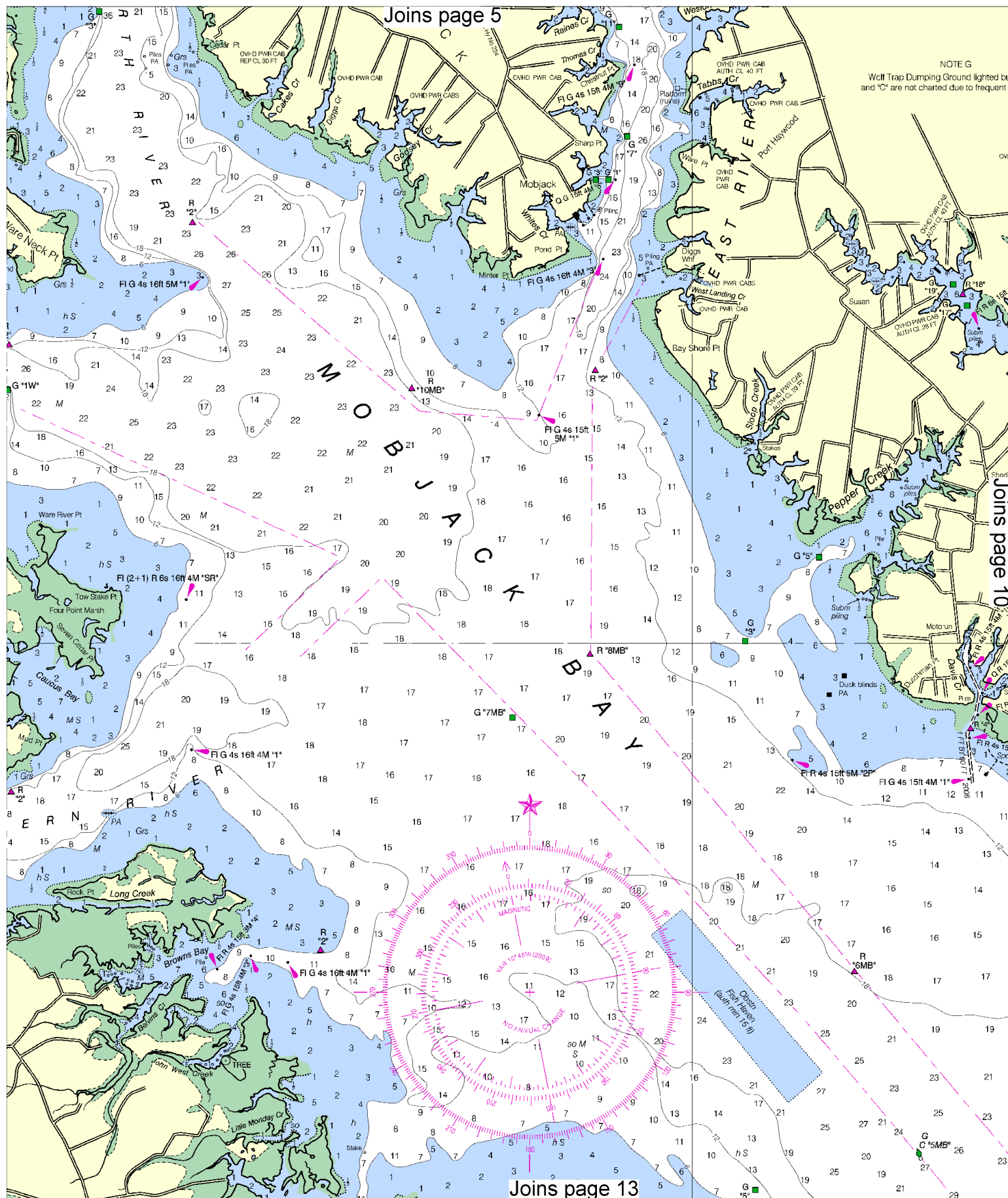
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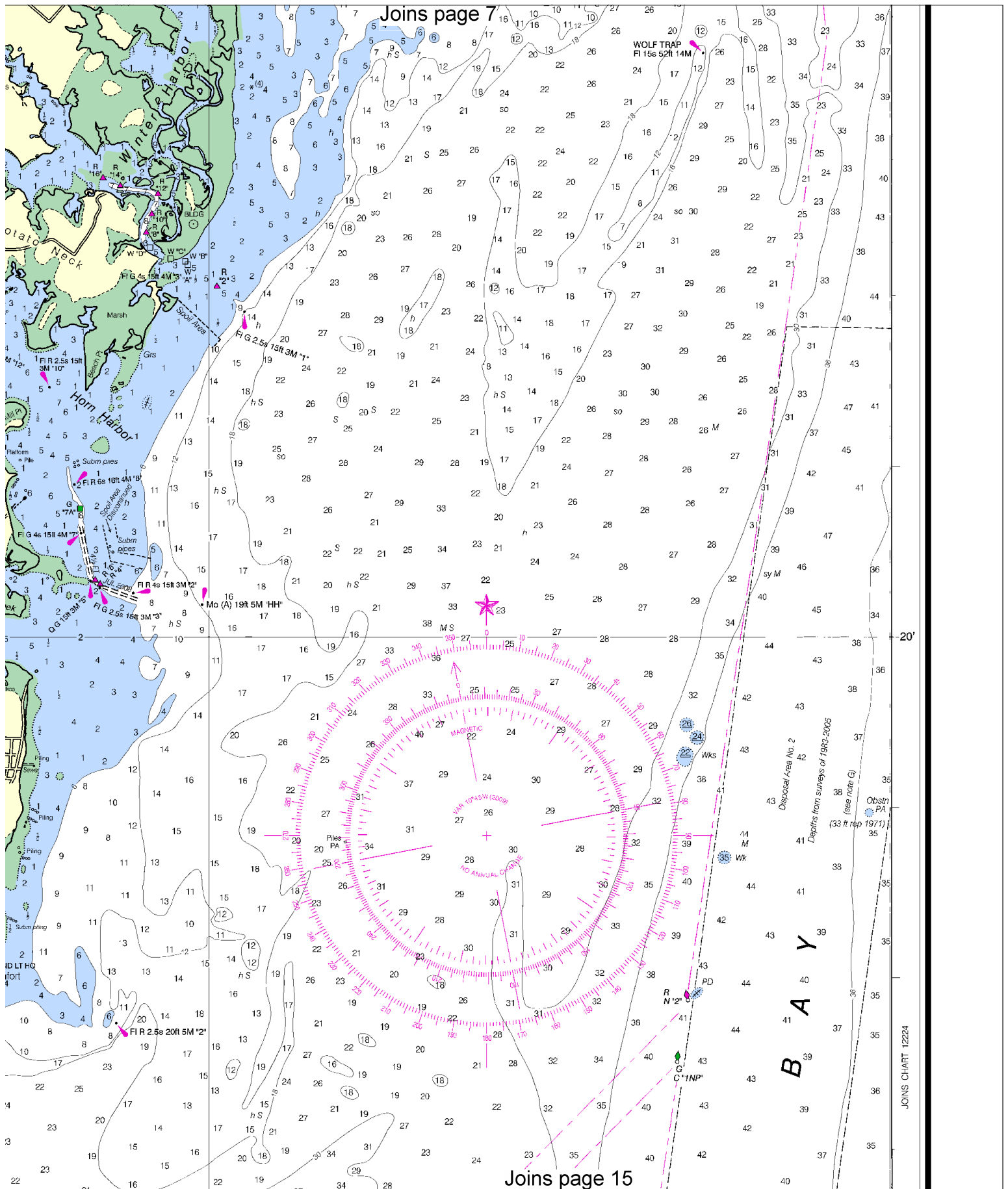






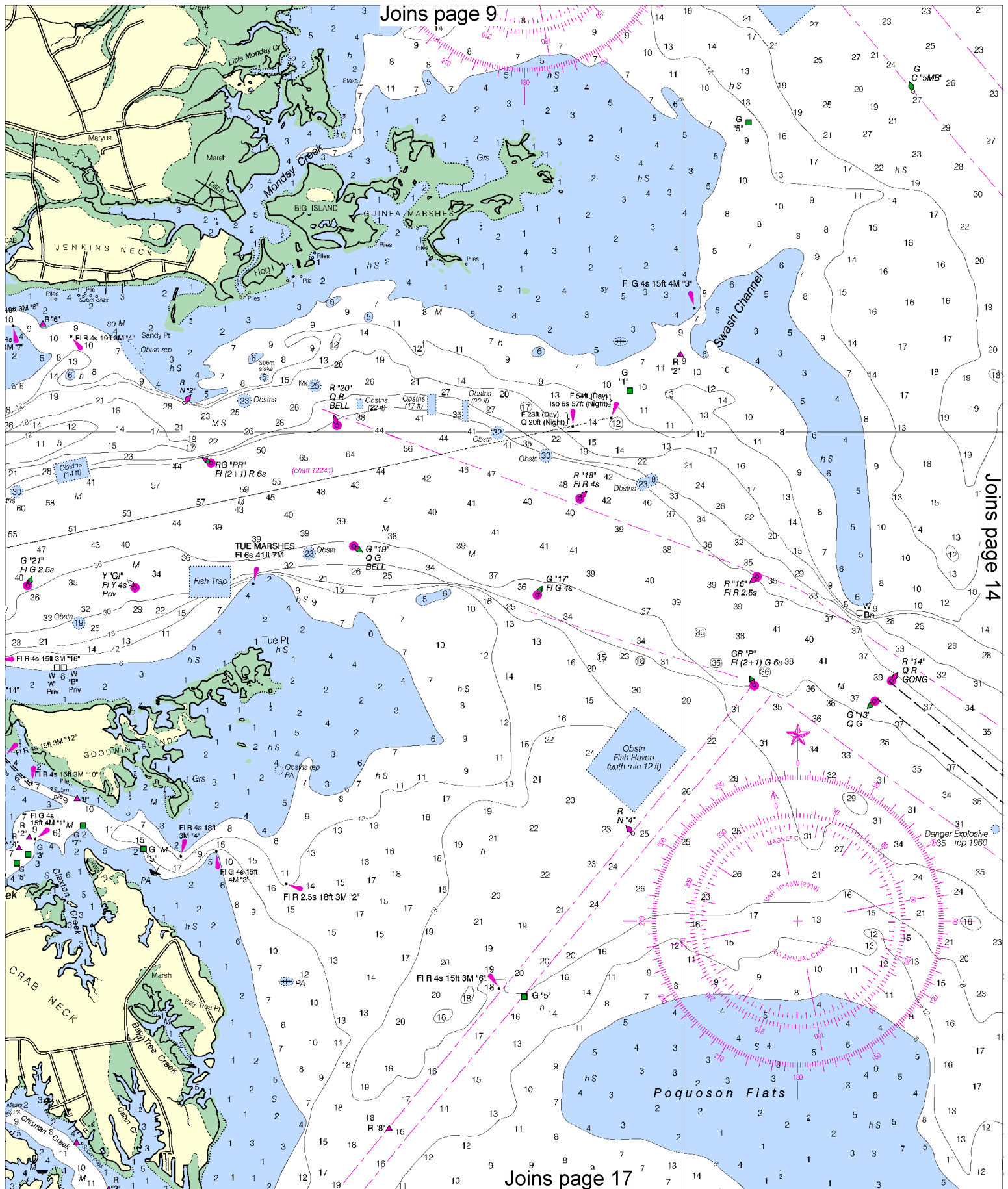
















This nautical chart depicts a section of the Chesapeake Bay, New York. The chart is characterized by numerous depth soundings in fathoms, ranging from 1 to 40. Key geographical features include the "New Point Comfort Shoal" and "York Spit". Several navigational aids are marked, including a red buoy (R) with "N 4" and a green buoy (G) with "C 3". A large blue rectangular area is labeled "Obstr Fish Haven (auth min 15 ft)". The chart also shows various other markers such as "RW MB", "G C 3MB", "R N 2MB", "G C 1MB", and "R 10 FIR 4s". The text "CHESAPEAKE BAY" is written vertically across the right side. The chart is bordered by "Joins page 11" at the top and "Joins page 19" at the bottom.

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AND

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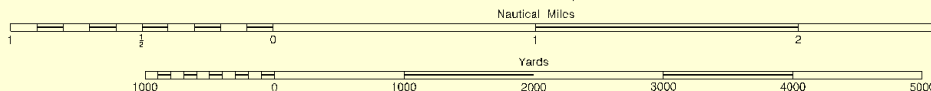
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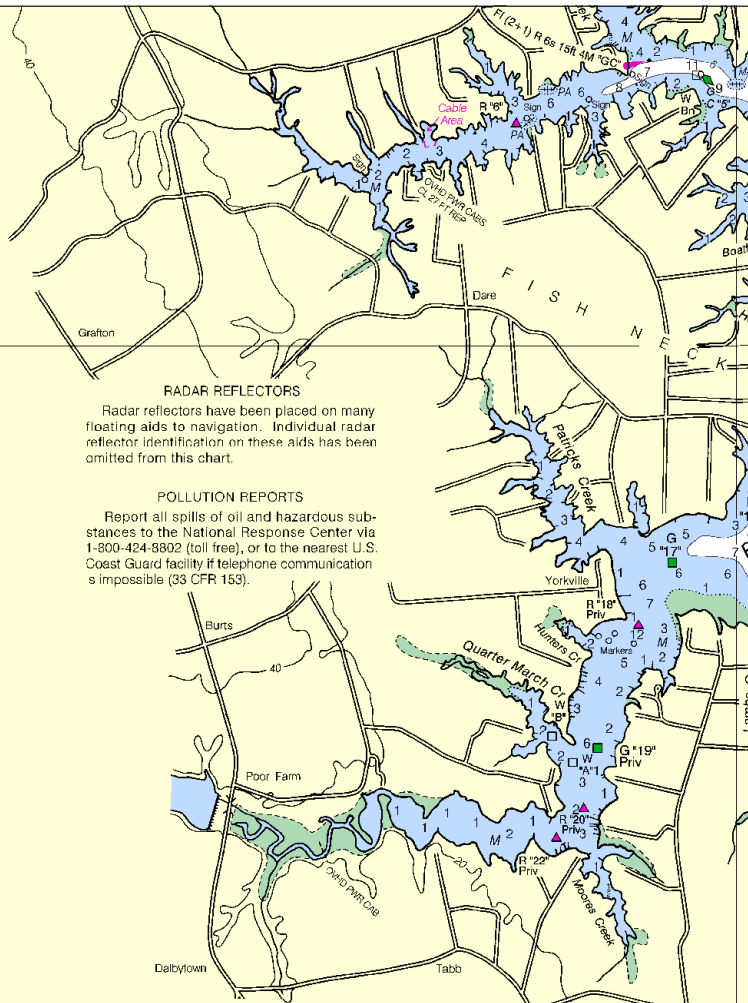
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## ABBREVIATIONS

(For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated):

AERO aeronautical  
A alternating  
B black  
Bn bottom  
C can  
DIA diaphone  
F fixed  
Fl flashing  
G green  
IQ interrupted quick  
iso isophase  
LT HO lighthouse  
M nautical mile  
m minutes  
MICRO TR microwave tower  
Mkr marker

## Bottom characteristics:

Bids boulders  
bk broken  
Cy clay  
Co coral  
G gravel  
Grs grass  
gy gray  
h hard  
M mud

## Miscellaneous:

AUTH authorized  
ED existence doubtful  
Obstr obstruction  
PA position approximate  
(2) Wreck, rock, obstruction, or shoal swept clear to the  
(2) Rocks that cover and uncover, with heights in feet

## HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean L

## AUTHORITIES

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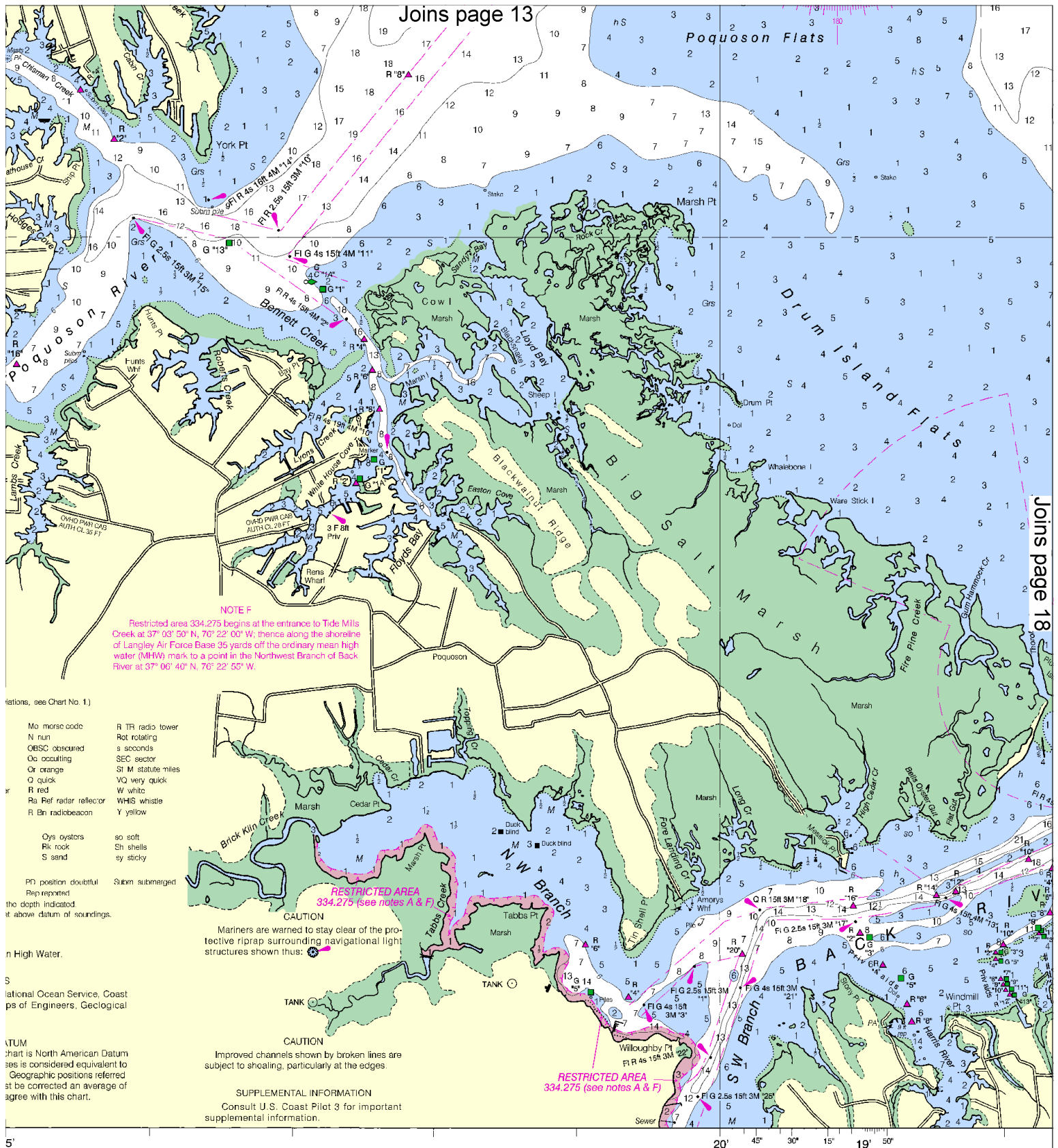
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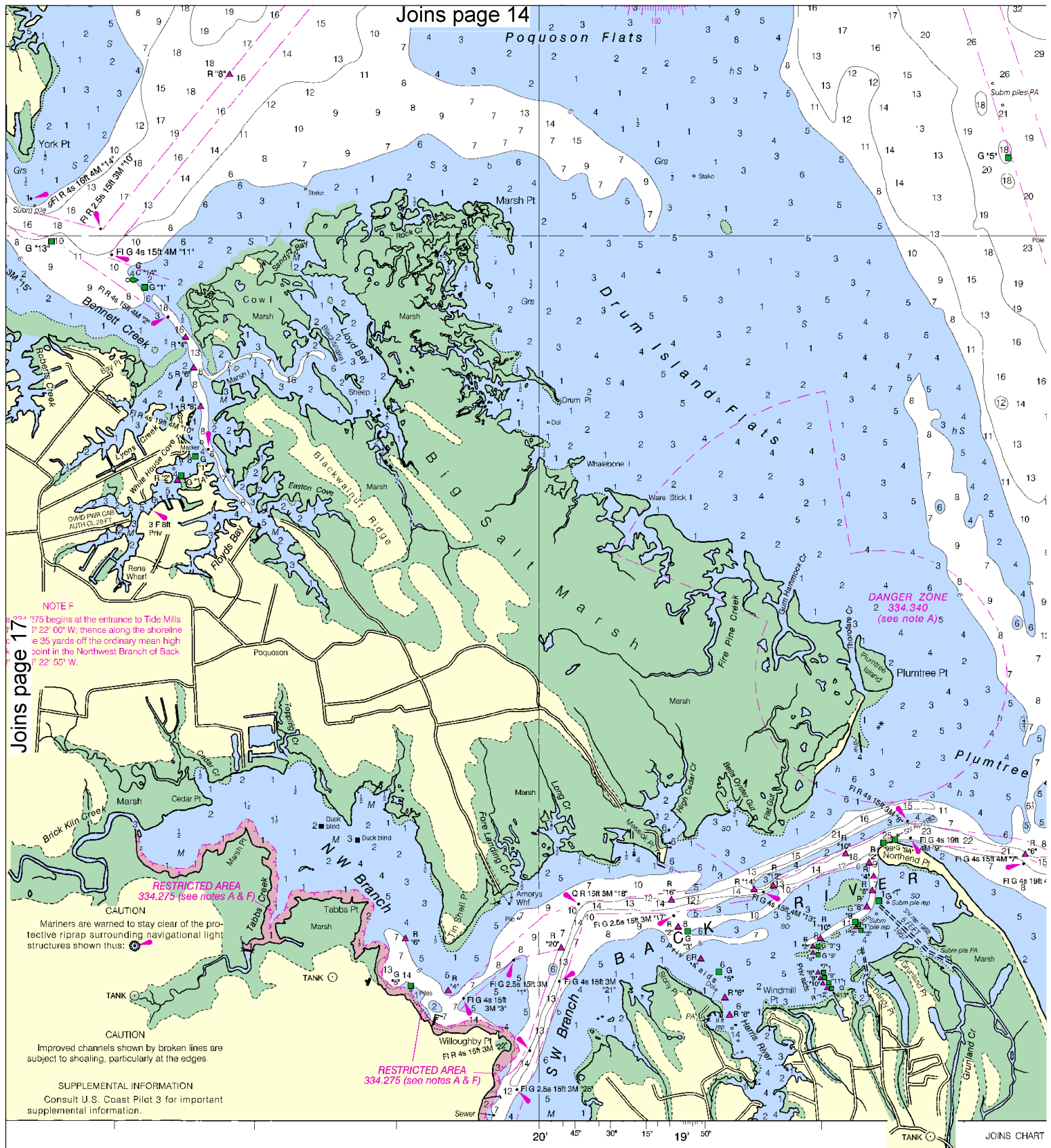


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NOTE F  
334.275 begins at the entrance to Tide Mills  
1° 22' 00" W, thence along the shoreline  
to 35 yards off the ordinary mean high  
point in the Northwest Branch of Back  
1° 22' 55" W.

**RESTRICTED AREA**  
334.275 (see notes A & F)

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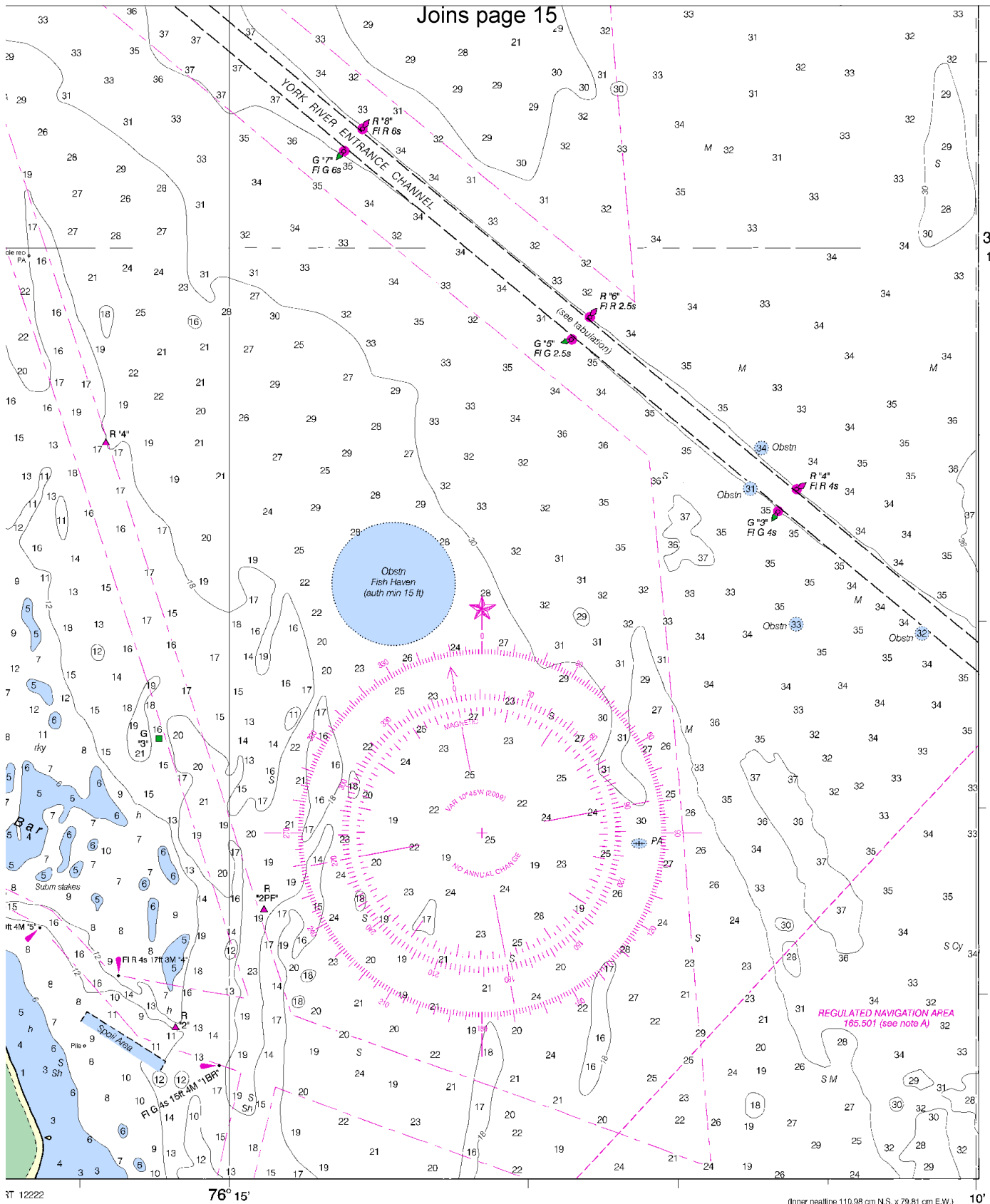
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FEET	6	12
METERS	1	2

18  
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37° 10'

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76° 15'

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18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102
4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32

Mobjack Bay and York River Entrance  
SOUNDINGS IN FEET - SCALE 1:40,000

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## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Intership safety communications.

**Channel 9** – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, harbors.

**Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls** to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

**Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78** – Recreational boat channels.

### Distress Call Procedures

1. Make sure radio is on.
2. Select Channel 16.
3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
5. Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
6. Release transmit button.
7. Wait for 10 seconds – If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

**HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS !!**

**Mobile Phones** – Call 911 for water rescue.

**Coast Guard Search & Rescue** – 800-418-7314/410-576-2525

**Coast Guard Cape Charles** – 757-331-2000

**Coast Guard Milford Haven** – 804-725-2125/3732

**Coast Guard Portsmouth** – 757-483-8526/8527

**Coast Guard Parramore Beach** – 757-787-9526/9527

**Maryland Natural Resources Police** – 410-260-8888

**Virginia Marine Police** – 800-541-4646

**NOAA Weather Radio** – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

**Getting and Giving Help** – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

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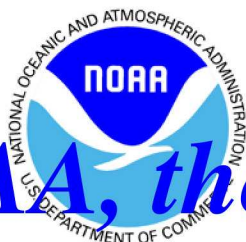
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